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SUBJECT: JAPAN CONSIDERING RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RAPE, WARY  
OF ENTANGLING COMFORT WOMEN

REF: STATE 135255

Classified By: Charge d'Affairs Joseph R. Donovan for reasons 1.4 (b) a  
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(C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer delivered reftel  
demarche October 1 and followed up October 5 with MOFA Human  
Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Takako Ito. Ito  
said that Japan was still deciding whether to support the  
resolution, and would channel any further determination  
through its mission in New York by October 9. Ito asked  
about the timing of the resolution's introduction, saying  
that it had raised concerns among some MOFA officials that  
the resolution could be used by the U.S. Congress to further  
criticize Japan's use of "Comfort Women" (forced  
prostitution) during World War II.

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